

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A lamp for an automobile comprising a lamp and a base portion to which the lamp is mounted, wherein:

the lamp comprises:

5 a bulb having a base;

lead wires attached to ends of a filament in the bulb and extending from the base of the bulb; and

a pinch seal portion formed in the base of the bulb and fixing the lead wires; and

10 the base portion comprises:

a resin adapter including a pair of adapter half bodies adapted to be fitted onto the pinch seal portion from left and right side portions of the pinch seal portion in a transverse direction and mounted on the pinch seal portion.

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2. A lamp for an automobile according to claim 1, wherein:

each of the adapter half bodies comprises:

a lamp mounting portion in which the lamp is mounted; and

a base cap portion for forming a base cap; and

20 a recessed portion for accommodating the pinch seal portion and which is formed in the lamp mounting portion, and a lead wire accommodating portion for accommodating the lead wires and which is formed in the base cap portion.

25 3. A lamp for an automobile according to claim 2, further comprising:

a rib formed on each of front and rear surfaces of the pinch seal portion and extending in a transverse direction on said front and rear surfaces of the pinch seal portion; and

rib grooves adapted to engage the ribs and formed on inner wall surfaces of the recessed portion in each of the adapter half bodies and extending in a transverse direction of the inner wall surfaces of the recessed portion.

4. A lamp for an automobile according to claim 3, further comprising holding portions for engaging said front and rear surfaces of the pinch seal portion, said holding portions having a saw-tooth structure in which peak portions and valley portions each extending in a transverse direction of inner wall surfaces of the recessed portion are formed, the holding portions being formed on the inner wall surfaces of the recessed portion in each of the adapter half bodies.

5. A lamp for an automobile according to claim 2, further comprising:

a lead wire fixing groove into which a portion of the lead wire accommodated in the lead wire accommodating portion is fitted, said portion of said lead wire being folded at a lower end of the base cap portion, the lead wire fixing groove being formed in a lower end surface of the base cap portion; and

a tip fixing groove into which a tip of the lead wire is fitted, the tip fixing groove being formed in an upper portion of

an external wall of the base cap portion with respect to the lead wire fixing groove.

5 6. A lamp for an automobile according to claim 1, further comprising fixing means for fixing the pair of adapter half bodies in a state in which the pair of adapter half bodies are mounted on the pinch seal portion.

10 7. A lamp for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the fixing means comprises a ring-like fixing member in which a fitting hole is formed with which peripheral portions of the pair of adapter half bodies in a joined state are fitted.

15 8. A lamp for an automobile according to claim 6, wherein the fixing means comprises:

engagement projections provided in one of the pair of adapter half bodies; and

20 engagement members provided in the other of the pair of adapter half bodies and adapted to engage the engagement projections.